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SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENTS BY POTENTIAL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TURBAY

1. SUMMARY: AT A MASSIVE RALLY WHICH LAUNCHED HIS BID FOR THE LIBERAL PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY, JULIO CESAR TURBAY INDICATED THAT, IF ELECTED, HIS FOREIGN POLICY GOALS AND PRIORITIES WOULD NOT DIFFER FROM THOSE OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. CURRENT FRONT-RUNNER FOR THE LIBERAL PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY, JULIO CESAR TURBAY AYALA, OFFICIALLY OPENED HIS CAMPAIGN FOR HIS PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION ON MAY 7 WITH A WELL-ORGANIZED PUBLIC RALLY IN BOGOTA ATTENDED BY DELEGATIONS FROM ALL PARTS OF COLOMBIA. FOLLOWING LONG INTRODUCTORY SPEECHES BY THE PRESIDENTS OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE, TURBAY READ LARGE PORTIONS, BUT NOT ALL, OF HIS PREPARED ADDRESS WHICH GAVE GENERAL INDICATIONS OF THE POLICIES HE SAID HE WOULD FOLLOW IF ELECTED IN 1978. THE SPEECH WAS REPRINTED IN ITS ENTIRETY IN A PAID SUPPLEMENT IN EL TIEMPO ON MAY 8. (COPY BEING POUCHED TO ARA/AND). WHILE THE BULK OF THE SPEECH COVERED DOMESTIC POLITICAL AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ECONOMIC EVENTS, A SIGNIFICANT PORTION CONCERNED FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS.

3. TURBAY INDICATED THAT THIS GOVERNMENT WOULD FOLLOW THE BASIC FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIRECTIONS ALREADY LAID DOWN BY THE LOPEZ GOVERNMENT. FOLLOWING ARE THE MAIN POINTS:

4. HE WOULD:

A.) CONTINUE TO USE THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AS THE FOCAL POINTS OF COLOMBIAN FOREIGN RELATIONS, AND TO DEFEND HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROMOTE A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER WITHIN THESE ORGANIZATIONS.

B.) PURSUE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT RECOGNIZING COLOMBIAN SOVERIGNTY OVER GEOSTATIONARY ORBITS IN COLOMBIAN SPACE.

C.) PERSIST IN ATTEMPTS TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH VENEZUELA ON ESTABLISHING MARITIME BOUNDARIES AND CONTINUE THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO FIX ALL OF COLOMBIA'S MARINE BOUNDARIES.

D.) CONTINUE THE PRESENT EMPHASIS ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC MATTERS, INCLUDING INCREASED EFFORTS TO PROMOTE A NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AIMED AT ELIMINATING THE GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR NATIONS.

E.) ASSIGN INCREASED IMPORTANCE TO THE ECONOMIC INTEGRATION OF THE ANDEAN SUB-REGION, WHICH HE VIEWS AS COLOMBIA'S NEWEST AND FASTEST GROWING EXPORT MARKET.

F.) MAINTAIN EMPHASIS ON REACHING A LAW OF THE SEA AGREEMENT, TURBAY INDICATED HE WILL STRESS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ECONOMIC RESOURCES WITHIN COLOMBIAN OFFICIAL USE

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BIA'S ECONOMIC ZONE, INCLUDING MORE EMPHASIS ON FISHING.

3. WHILE MOST OF THE SPEECH WAS IN VERY BROAD TERMS, TURBAY DID SINGLE OUT THE U.S., AT LEAST IN THE PRINTED TEXT OF HIS SPEECH, FOR APPARENT CRITICISM WHEN AT ONE POINT HE NOTED THAT COLOMBIA'S AND THE WORLD'S PRESENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS STEM FROM THE PAST DISORDER IN THE MONETARY AND FISCAL POLICIES OF THE UNITED STATES. THESE POLICIES, HE CLAIMED LED IN 1973 TO A DISPROPORTIONATE INCREASE IN INTERNATIONAL LIQUIDITY, AND A SUBSEQUENT DEVALUATION AND LOSS OF CONFIDENCE IN THE DOLLAR. HE WENT ON TO NOTE THAT HIGH COFFEE PRICES HAVE INCREASED TOTAL INTERNAL DEMAND AND ACCELERATED THE INCREASE IN PRICES.

4. COMMENT: AS NOTED ABOVE, MOST OF THE SPEECH WAS COINED IN GENERALITIES WHICH APPEAR TO BREACH NO NEW GROUND IN EITHER DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN POLICY.

TURBAY'S CAMPAIGN IS CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH THE  
LOPEZ GOVERNMENT, AND IT WAS THEREFORE TO BE EXPECTED  
THAT IN HIS FIRST MAJOR POLICY-ORIENTED SPEECH TURBAY  
WOULD NOT DEVIATE FROM THE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL  
POLICIES OF THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION.  
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